

CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator: Thomas Juliano	Team: Squad #6	CCRB Case #: 201910747	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Force	<input type="checkbox"/> Discourt.	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S.
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> O.L.	<input type="checkbox"/> Injury
Incident Date(s) Monday, 12/16/2019 , Monday, 12/16/2019 1:30 PM	Location of Incident: § 87(2)(b)	Precinct: 71	18 Mo. SOL 6/16/2021	EO SOL 1/31/2022	
Date/Time CV Reported Mon, 12/16/2019 2:45 PM	CV Reported At: CCRB	How CV Reported: Phone	Date/Time Received at CCRB Mon, 12/16/2019 2:45 PM		

Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Address

Witness(es)	Home Address

Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command
1. POM Adeola Seidigbamuse	13982	961267	071 PCT
2. POM Christian Mele	29333	965331	071 PCT
3. POM Keith Reusch	18777	959125	071 PCT

Witness Officer(s)	Shield No	Tax No	Cmd Name
1. POM Eric Lau	04312	966156	071 PCT
2. LT Akm Alam	00000	941329	071 PCT
3. POM Reginald Smith	17215	951279	071 PCT

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
A.POM Adeola Seidigbamuse	Force: At § 87(2)(b) in Brooklyn, Police Officer Adeola Seidigbamuse used physical force against § 87(2)(b)	
B.POM Adeola Seidigbamuse	Abuse: At § 87(2)(b) Hospital in Brooklyn, Police Officer Adeola Seidigbamuse threatened § 87(2)(b) with the use of force.	
C.POM Christian Mele	Force: Police Officer Christian Mele used physical force against § 87(2)(b)	
D.POM Keith Reusch	Force: Police Officer Keith Reusch used physical force against § 87(2)(b)	

Case Summary

On December 16, 2019, § 87(2)(b) who works at a school for children with emotional and behavioral difficulties § 87(2)(b) called the CCRB to file a complaint on behalf of two § 87(2)(b) -old female students: § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b).

On December 16, 2019, school counselors § 87(2)(b) in Brooklyn called 911 to have § 87(2)(b) who they determined to be an EDP, removed to the hospital. PO Adeola Seidigbamuse, PO Christian Mele, PO Keith Reusch, and PO Reginald Smith of the 71st Precinct responded to the school. Upon seeing the officers, § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) fled the school and officers perused them into the school playground. While PO Seidigbamuse placed § 87(2)(b) in handcuffs § 87(2)(b) struck the officers. PO Seidigbamuse slapped § 87(2)(b) in the face (**Allegation A – Force:** § 87(2)(g)). PO Mele and PO Reusch slammed § 87(2)(b) onto the ground (**Allegations B and C – Force:** § 87(2)(g)). Officers removed § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) to separate hospitals. PO Seidigbamuse accompanied § 87(2)(b) to the hospital. During the intake process § 87(2)(b) refused to remove her belongings and PO Seidigbamuse arched his taser to threaten § 87(2)(b) (**Allegation D – Abuse of Authority:** § 87(2)(g)). No arrest or summonses resulted from this incident.

BWC videos from officers, including PO Seidigbamuse, PO Mele, PO Reusch, and PO Smith were received and can be found in IAs #69-76. Summaries of the footage can be found in IA 80 (**Board Review 01**).

Although both § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) were removed to the hospital as EDPs, a forcible removal allegation has not been pled as the students were minors and in the custody of § 87(2)(b) staff who made the decision, and because both § 87(2)(b)s and § 87(2)(b)s legal guardians stated that they were not upset about the decision to remove the students to the hospital.

Findings and Recommendations

Allegation A – Abuse of Authority: At 567 Kingston Avenue in Brooklyn, Police Officer Adeola Seidigbamuse used physical force against § 87(2)(b)

In PO Resuch's BWC footage, starting at the 01:07 mark of the timestamp visible at the bottom of the screen, § 87(2)(b) repeatedly kicks and punches the officers. At 02:05, § 87(2)(b) kicks toward PO Seidigbamuse, however, it is unclear where the kick lands. PO Seidigbamuse puts his open palm out, gesturing as if he is going to slap § 87(2)(b) and says, "Watch yourself." Three seconds after the kick, PO Seidigbamuse then slaps the left side of § 87(2)(b)s face with his right hand. § 87(2)(b)s head swings to the side and contacts PO Reusch's BWC. PO Seidigbamuse tells § 87(2)(b) "Stop it." The BWC footage does not show any other officer using force on § 87(2)(b) (Board Review 05).

§ 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) were consistent in their statements that on December 16, 2020, § 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(b) got into a physical altercation with a boy at the § 87(2)(b) after which school staff called 911 to have § 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(b) removed to the hospital. Upon seeing the officers, § 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) ran out of the school building and into the playground where they were met by officers and school staff. While officers were speaking with § 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(b) became being physically aggressive toward the officers who were dealing with her. Officers grabbed § 87(2)(b) by the arms and held her in place with her arms behind her back. § 87(2)(b) shifted her shoulders while the officers were holding her. PO Seidigbamuse walked over to where the officers were holding § 87(2)(b) PO Seidigbamuse raised his right hand, and with an open palm, pulled it back and shifted his body

screen, shows that § 87(2)(b) repeatedly stomped on PO Mele's feet while PO Mele and PO Reusch held her by the shoulders. PO Mele grabbed § 87(2)(b)'s leg and he and PO Reusch lowered § 87(2)(b) onto the ground and onto her side (**Board Review 08**).

§ 87(2)(b) testified that PO Mele and PO Reusch held her arms and she tried to pull her arms away and kicked the officers approximately fifteen times. PO Mele and PO Reusch picked her up and forcefully pushed her to the ground. She landed on her chest, which caused her a little pain (**Board Review 02**).

§ 87(2)(b) testified that she left the playground and upon returning § 87(2)(b) was on the ground. She was not present to see how § 87(2)(b) landed on the ground. (**Board Review 04**). § 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(b) did not testify that § 87(2)(b) was taken to the ground (**Board Review 03**).

Due to the BWC footage which clearly captures this portion of the incident, PO Mele and PO Reusch were not interviewed.

§ 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g)

Allegation D – Abuse of Authority: At § 87(2)(b) Hospital in Brooklyn, Police Officer Adeola Seidigbamuse threatened § 87(2)(b) with the use of force.

§ 87(2)(b) testified that she was taken by ambulance to § 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(b) PO Seidigbamuse drove a police car and met her at the hospital. Inside the hospital, § 87(2)(b) was taken through a metal detector and into an intake room where hospital personnel ordered § 87(2)(b) to remove her jewelry, which she refused to do. PO Seidigbamuse entered the room and told § 87(2)(b) that if she did not behave and take off her jewelry then he would tase her. PO Seidigbamuse took out his taser, which was yellow and black or blue. PO Seidigbamuse pointed his taser at the wall. § 87(2)(b) saw a red or green dot, heard a zap, and the taser lit up. No darts came out of the taser. PO Seidigbamuse then pointed the taser at § 87(2)(b) and said, "I will tase you, do not play with me" (**Board Review 02**).

There is no video evidence of this portion of the incident.

§ 87(2)(b) the § 87(2)(b) of § 87(2) § 87(2)(b) provided a phone statement. She stated that she accompanied § 87(2)(b) to the hospital along with two officers. § 87(2)(b) accompanied § 87(2)(b) through the intake process at the hospital. She acknowledged being in a room with § 87(2)(b) where a nurse asked § 87(2)(b) to remove her belongings. § 87(2)(b) did not recall any specific difficulties with § 87(2)(b) removing her belongings. § 87(2)(b) stated that an officer did not remove his taser and arch it, nor did any officer threaten § 87(2)(b) with a Taser (**Board Review 09**).

§ 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(b) testified that PO Seidigbamuse accompanied her to the hospital (**Board Review 03**).

PO Seidigbamuse's Taser Data Sheet shows a trigger pull at 15:30 (**Board Review 10**).

PO Seidigbamuse testified that he accompanied § 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(b) to the hospital and denied ever being at the hospital with § 87(2)(b). He further denied threatening § 87(2)(b) with his taser. PO Seidigbamuse was shown the taser data sheet. PO Seidigbamuse did not know why the

trigger of his taser was pulled at 15:30. According to PO Seidigbamuse's memo book, he was back at the command at 15:00. He stated that taser checks are conducted at the start of the tour and it was possible that the trigger was pulled by the officer of the following tour testing the taser before going on duty (**Board Review 06**).

PO Seidigbamuse's memo book lists him at the command at 15:00, before the trigger pull on the Taser Data Sheet (**Board Review 11**).

Both § 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(b) and PO Seidigbamuse were consistent that PO Seidigbamuse accompanied § 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(b) to the hospital and § 87(2)(b) testified that she was with § 87(2)(b) during the intake process at the hospital and that no officer threatened her with a taser. Furthermore, PO Seidigbamuse's memo book lists him at the command at 15:00, thirty minutes before the trigger pull at 15:30. § 87(2)(g)

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Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories

- This is the first CCRB complaint to which § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(b) have been a party (**Board Review 12**).
- PO Seidigbamuse has been a member-of-service for four years and has been a subject in two additional CCRB complaints and three allegations, none of which were substantiated. § 87(2)(g)
- PO Mele has been a member-of-service for two years and has been a subject in one additional CCRB complaint and one allegation, which was not substantiated. § 87(2)(g)
- PO Reusch has been a member-of-service for five years and this is the first CCRB complaint to which he has been a party.

Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories

- § 87(2)(b) declined to mediate this complaint.
- On December 17, 2020, an inquiry was filed with the New York City Comptroller's Office to locate a Notice of Claim for § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(b). The results are pending and will be added to the case file upon receipt (**Board Review 13**).
- According to the Office of Court Administration (OCA), § 87(2)(b) has no history of convictions in New York City (**Board Review 14**).

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